

Long's recognized by S.C. Senate as 'Seniors of the Day'

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Hilton residents Jake and Ebby Long were recognized on the floor of the South Carolina Senate Thursday, April 19, as the Senate's "Seniors of the Day." The Longs were introduced by Senator John Courson.

Jake and Ebby Long are lifelong residents of the Midlands. They both attended Columbia schools. Mrs. Long is retired from a career in Law Enforcement, serving with SLED and the USC Police Force. She began her career as secretary for SLED Chief J.P. Strom, but in 1960, became one of the first two female SLED agents in the agency's history. Mr. Long was well-known in Columbia's business community as the owner of Dawson's Radiator and Welding Service. The Longs raised three children, who all live in the area and they have five grandchildren.

Ebby Long said five grandchildren keep her extremely busy, but she plans to volunteer

with the Office on Aging. "I just want to get involved," she said.

Lt. Governor André Bauer created the Senior of the Day program to recognize the contributions of individual seniors in South Carolina to their local communities and to raise awareness of aging issues among state lawmakers. The General Assembly placed Lt. Governor Bauer in charge of the state's Aging Office in 2004.

"This is just a small way to give credit where credit is due to some of the tremendous seniors that we have in this state," said Lt. Governor Bauer. "I hope it will also serve as a daily reminder to our lawmakers about the importance of aging issues to the future of our state and help educate them about some of the things that we need to do to help prepare South Carolina for the demographic changes coming our way over the next two decades."

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Jake and Ebby Long and Lt. Governor Andre Bauer.